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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 6.3% IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 26, -- Airline passenger traffic rose 6.3 percent in January compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in January increased 2.4 percent. Available seat miles were up 2.9 percent. The load factor declined to 54.7 percent from 55.0 percent in January of last year.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in January was up 24.4 percent. Available seat miles increased 18.0 percent. The load factor was 61.5 percent, up from 58.3 percent in January of 1987.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1988 - 1987

		JANUARY		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	88	23,379,707	42,719,218	54.7
	87	22,836,097	41,518,605	55.0
PERCENT CHANGE		2.4	2.9	
INTERNATIONAL	88	6,250,609	10,168,273	61.5
	87	5,025,832	8,619,824	58.3
PERCENT CHANGE		24.4	18.0	
TOTAL	88	29,630,316	52,887,491	56.0
	87	27,861,929	50,138,429	55.6
PERCENT CHANGE		6.3	5.5	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.